

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on February 26, 2008.

Claims 1, 12, 23, and 27 are amended, and no claims are cancelled or added; as a result, claims 1-32 remain pending in this application.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-23, 25-30 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wolf et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0072611 A1, hereinafter Wolf) in view of Shibasaki et al. (U.S. Patent 4,459,673, hereinafter Shibasaki).

Applicant has amended the claims, consistent with the specification (see, e.g. p. 4, ln. 23) to recite that the audio module is made active to report game technical information by entering a service or configuration mode, thereby distinguishing the claims from the prior art.

Shibasaki describes a photocopier which is operable to provide a voice indication of a malfunction to a user upon some action by the user, such as attempting to operate the copier. The amended claims, in contrast, provide technical information to an administrator rather than to a user, and do so upon entering a service or configuration mode, such as to walk a technician through a troubleshooting or service/repair procedure.

Because the amended claims are patentably distinct from the prior art, the amended claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reexamination and allowance of amended independent claims 1, 12, 23, and 27, and of their dependents, is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 24 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wolf and Shibasaki as applied to claims 23 and 27 above, and further in view of Wesemann et al. (U.S. Patent 6,731,724 B2, hereinafter Wesemann).

These claims depend from amended claims believed to be in condition for allowance as described more fully above, and so are believed allowable as dependents of allowable base claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 349-9581 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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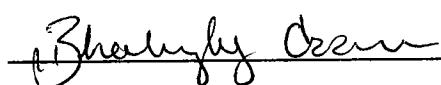
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